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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to about steady, but ranged about steady to weak in the East. Retail demand was slow to fair at best with few features. Food service was light to moderate, slightly better into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample and often discounted to stimulate additional interest. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive for midweek trading. Breast items and wings were fully sufficient to ample and slow to clear, even at attractive prices. Dark meat was adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 69.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.50 cents last year on October 12, 2005.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	152.00
BREASTS - B/S	125.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.00
WINGS	94.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly about steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best. Supplies of all items were fully adequate to ample, often plentiful, and frequently discounted to help move additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light and unaggressive. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and often discounted where product was in excess. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts, tenders and wings were ample and slow to clear. Other items were at least adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offers were sufficient for the selective trade inquiry. Fill-in trade into the Ohio area on 3 up wogs noted at 45 cents. Midweek demand was for the most part light to moderate, occasionally fairly good into some fast food channels and metro area retail. Floor stocks adequate and weights were desirable to heavy. Supplies of wings and breast items were plentiful and slow to clear; dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing was noted as moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and breast cuts with leg items about steady.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were adequate to ample. Heavy weights in the longest position. Buying activity was light. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where featured. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was steady to weak on parts with dark meat items in the strongest position.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 7, 2006. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 7, 2006. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 7, 2006 were 6.96 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 10/07/06	2006	2005	<u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	205,756	209,968	-02
CHICKS PLACED	165.079	165.328	0

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 18-Nov-06 is estimated at 153.1 million head. This compares to 156.4 million head the previous week and to 158.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 67.40 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	825	80.00-179.00	-	99.77
TENDERLOINS	213	72.00-165.00	-	92.98
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	68.00-79.00	-	74.86
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	203	29.00-41.00	30-31	31.54
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	588	20.00-29.00	24	23.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	834	21.00-31.00	25-26	25.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	80.00-95.00	85-88	87.56
WINGS (CUT)	245	93.00-111.00	99-102	101.82
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCTOBER 11, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>	<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>
35.50 - 42.50	38.90	38.64

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was mostly light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, tenders and wings were readily available and competitively priced in most instances; bone-in breasts and dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone remained weak for boneless skinless breasts, tenders and wings. Bone-in breasts and most dark meat cuts were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*</u>	<u>WTD AVG**</u>	<u>VOLUME /LBS</u>
BREAST - B/S	105-110	109.61	655,741
TENDERLOINS	95	109.15	208,770
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	81.55	48,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	68.89	81,000
LEGS	39-40	39.62	168,660
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.01	379,200
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.38	109,230
THIGHS	27-28	36.92	60,960
B/S THIGHS	80-81	82.93	91,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	95.44	197,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.42	27,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.11	13,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.69	19,600

INCLUDES: NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>(1,000)</u>		<u>(1,000)</u>				<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>WTS</u>
	<u>10/11</u>	<u>10/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>10/06</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>10/06</u>	<u>10/04</u>	<u>10/02</u>
Alabama	4,026	4,084	3,918	5,203	5.64	5.37	3,907	5.55
Arkansas	5,413	5,444	5,333	5,938	5.46	5.02	5,447	5.53
Delmarva	2,306	2,289	2,231	2,559	5.81	5.83	2,245	5.84
KY-LA-TN	2,126	2,126	2,104	2,505	4.79	4.79	2,368	5.17
Mississippi	2,825	2,917	2,849	4,107	5.96	5.57	2,802	6.00
North Carolina	2,680	2,677	2,650	2,639	7.06	6.99	2,663	6.95
Texas	2,532	2,520	2,543	2,567	5.48	5.22	2,511	5.44
Total	21,908	22,057	21,628	25,178	5.73	5.46	21,943	5.75
Mon-Wed	65,818(A)						65,823(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Oct-06 is estimated to be 32,777,000 head down 0.46 percent from a week ago and up 2.06 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 32,928,000, last year 32,115,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY.

<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS		91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-108
HENS UNDER 5#		
HENS OVER 5#		65-74
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		
<u>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</u>		
<u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-103
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-OCT-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/14/06 (1)	10/07/06
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	168,383 (2)	169,585
Light hens	1,049	965
Heavy hens	1,550	1,657
Total	170,982	172,207

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Oct-06 is 163.3 million head compared to 166.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.7 million head or 5.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-Oct-06 the estimated available is 162.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 10/09/06	102,954	64,009
AM 10/01/06	103,507	66,894
CHG	-553	-2,885
PCT CHG	-1	-4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/10/06	10/02/06	10/10/05	10/10/06	10/02/06	10/10/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	637	715	4,762	10,571	11,347	4,906
LOS ANGELES	262	287	105	2,562	2,672	2,376

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2006

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	77-80

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/10/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.00	2.40	1.39	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	7.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.15	.35	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	3.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	5.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	17.00	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	1.95	1.46	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	2.00	4.00	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	118						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending October 6, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	69.76	151.84	82.07	20.52	4.10	77.97
High	72.22	164.15	94.38	24.62	8.21	77.97
Mostly	71.40	164.15	86.18	20.52	4.10	77.97
SAN JUAN						
Low	70.99	155.94	77.97	16.41	4.10	77.97
High	74.69	164.15	94.38	20.52	8.21	77.97
Mostly	70.99	160.04	90.28	20.52	4.10	77.97
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	69.76	155.94	82.07	20.52	4.10	75.92
High	72.22	164.15	94.38	24.62	8.21	75.92
Mostly	71.40	155.94	90.28	24.62	4.10	75.92
BECERRA						
Low	70.58	155.94	86.18	24.62	8.21	82.07
High	74.69	168.25	98.49	28.73	8.21	82.07
Mostly	70.99	164.15	94.38	28.73	8.21	82.07

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were ample and competitively priced to stimulate additional buyer interest. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents and were often open to negotiation. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, offerings were fully adequate to ample. Breast cuts and wings were in heaviest supply and slow to clear. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 10/07/2006 WAS 11,294,047 @ 5.82 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE 55-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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